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SUBJECT: THE DOMESTIC PRESS ON UNCTAD

"KENYA TALK UPSET BY PRICE DISPUTE"--THE NEW YORK TIMES,
SATURDAY, MAY 22:

LIMITED PROGRESS HAS BEEN REPORTED AT UNCTAD ON TRANSFER
OF TECHNOLOGY AND FREER ACCESS TO MARKETS FOR THIRD-WORLD
COUNTRIES BUT THE COMMODITY AND DEBT ISSUES HAVE PROVOKED
QUARRELS WITHIN THE RIVAL BLOCS. THE ALGERIANS HAVE AS-
SERTED THAT IF THE LATTER TWO ISSUES REMAINED UNRESOLVED
THERE WOULD BE NO POINT IN FURTHER TALKS. BUT A FEELING
SEEMS TO BE GROWING THAT NAIROBI WAS NOT THE PLACE FOR A
FINAL SHOWDOWN AND THAT THE DOOR SHOULD BE HELD OPEN FOR
FURTHER DISCUSSIONS. THE GERMANS AND THE BRITISH HAVE
BEEN THE PRINCIPAL OPPONENTS OF A COMMON POSITION ON BUFFER
STOCKS AMONG THE RICH NATIONS. THE GERMAN CHIEF DELEGATE
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SAID THAT THIS IDEA WHICH HAD BECOME THE POLITICAL RALLYING

CRY OF THE DEVELOPING NATIONS AMOUNTED "TO PRICE FIXING."
THE POOR COUNTRIES HAVE ALSO BEEN EXPERIENCING THREATS OF
DEFECTION. SOME NATIONS TALKED OF GOING IT ALONE IN BUFFER
STOCKS BUT THIS MOVEMENT COLLAPSED. NOW BRAZIL, COLOMBIA,
AND CHILE HAVE INDICATED THEY WOULD NOT SUPPORT A JOINT
BUFFER PLAN. BRAZIL AND COLOMBIA ARE ALREADY MEMBERS OF A
COMMODITY ARRANGEMENT WHILE CHILE IS ENJOYING A RISE IN

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